## IN THE CHURCH PORCH.

RELIGIOUS FERMENT AND COMMENT.

Those three much talked of novels, "Robert Els-"John Ward; Preacher," and "The Story of an African Farm," reflect so accurately much of the religious unrest of the day, that I doubt not they will give serious trouble to the energy. One oldschloued elergyman tells me that some of his parishoners are already affected by them; and he bewalls he decadence of the times which allows such "develish oks," as he calls them, to be circulated. Of course these and other similar books are not a cause, but orely a symptom. They only put in concrete form the and ideas which are more or less vaguely by large numbers of so-called Christians. Their suppression would therefore do little to stem speculative doubt which is so prevalent to-day. We have outlived the age when the public of a book and its author was deemed the nedy for heresy; and I don't think that any tor will find it possible to keep his people from ling such books as "Robert Elsmere." If it were possible, it would not be desirable. The new reigion which they inculcate is really not a religion. and is not new. Christianity has met and vanquished such attacks before, and can do so again-not, however, by blindly opposing them, but by recognizing of truth there is behind them. Even heresy for good upon the Church in the long run.

In his daring book "The Heart of the Creeds." the ev. Arthur Wentworth Eaton, a radical Broad Church Rpiscopal clergyman, tries to define with scientific ess what the modern school of rational Christians in the orthodox churches believe. In his dis Church, the Sacraments, the Liturgy, and the future life. Mr. Eaton calmly throws overboard nearly all the theological and ecclesiastical luggage which is usually regarded as belonging to these great facts. The God of Tertullian, of Augustine, and it may be added, of Milton, disappears, and in His stead is pictured a Personal Presence, imminent in the universe, scending all creation. Christ redeemed the world not by suffering a penalty that, except for Him man must have horne, but by revealing the fact of God's enshrinement in nature and the soul of man. And so in everything, dogma is minimized, and the the courage of his convictions, and states clearly and inexorably the ultimate position of Broad Churchism. three years, and then came to the Church of St. In this lies the value of his book, rather James in Harlem. than in its novelty; for he lays down that has not been substantially held by st of the leaders in the Broad Church school of ught in England and America. Mr. Faton is to commended for his honesty and boldness, and I am confident that his book will take a high place in the literature of the Broad Church school of thought. which is sadly lacking in such explicit and definite statements of belief. A few years ago a well-known Broad Church clergyman of this country tried to induce the recognized leaders of that party to unite in a formal statement of their position, to be published in book form over their names; but he was unable to persuade them to take such a step. In insal, or perhaps inability, to define itself lies the radical weakness of Broad Churchism, both as a religious force and as a party in the Anglican Church. I was glad to see that a correspondent of The Trib-

other day, lifted up his voice against the growing abuse of ecclesizatical titles. I have not relatively, a vastly greater number of such titles are borne by American than by English clergymen. In England the degree of D. D. or LL. D. means a great deal, and comparatively few are honored with it. But in this country it may mean no more than that some little struggling college, really no higher in grade than a high school, has seen fit to compliment the recipient with an undeserved honor, which thus nes no honor. Indeed, I happen to know two cases in which the clergymen who write D. D. after their names simply assumed the title themselves; and doubtless there are other similar cases The strange fondness of American clergymen for ecclesiastical titles is the most hopeless ture of the case. Some time ago I received a business note from a religious paper, which was signed by John Smith," we will say, because that wasn't the Not happening to know the ecclesiastical of the writer, I addressed my reply to "Mr. John Smith," and at once received an answer abusing me for my lack of respect in failing to address my the Rev. John Smith, D. D., LL. D., D. C. L. Doubtless this good man was exceptionally rude and unreasonable; but I suspect that very few clergymen of any denomination like to have their titles ignored. All of which suggests to the thoughtful observer that there is still a good deal of "flummery" in American Christianity.

A lady told me the other day that when her father died a few weeks ago the family were flooded with business cards and circulars of undertakers, embalmers, florists and tombstone manufacturers. On inquiry I am told that this practice is quite common. These people watch the death notices in the papers, and with lack of delicacy that is simply shocking, invade the house of mourning in order to drum up trade. The lady I speak of said that one firm actually sent a cut of a desirable monument, with the name and age of her father printed on it, and in an accompanying note suggested the advisability of placing the order with the firm at once. This, be it remembered, was sent to the afflicted family before the funeral took place. Such a gross violation of the proprieties cannot be too strongly rebuked, and if people should refuse to patronize the men who are guilty of it, it would only be a fitting punishment.

I see that the Evangelical Churches of Cleveland have united in a movement which has for its object a house to-house visitation of every person in the city. This suggests the query why the denominations in the larger cities do not oftener unite in some such movement. The great difficulty with most mission work in our cities is that quite as much money and effort are expended in the de nominational machinery as in the more important work of Christianizing the people. Manifestly it would be an immense gain in every way if all the churches of this city, for instance, were to unite in a simple declaration of religion and ethics, and were to send an army of enthusiastic missionaries into every neglected corner of the city to preach this Gospel held in common by all the churches. It would it in a great saving of costly church machinery, in first place; and in the next place, would reach an immensely larger number of people. These mis-sionaries of a Catholic Church, in the widest sense of the word, need not even be ordained ministers, but men and women full of the spirit of Christ. They would be the pioneers of the organized churches; and their work would be to civilize as well as Chris tianize the ignorant, the vicious and the depraved. The regularly organized churches could then enter upon this fallow ground with a hope of success which under present conditions is almost entirely absent. What say the churches? Is their professed desire for unity strong enough to make such a scheme feasible? If not, I don't think that all the current talk about unity is worth any serious consideration.

While so many Episcopalians are trying to revive the Gregorian chant as the ecclesiastical ideal of music, the Roman Catholic Church shows signs of a desire to discard it. Says Archbishop Janssens, of New-Orleans: "It belongs to the infant days of musical art. Some of its compositions are truly grand, impressive and majestic, but the greatest portion of the Gregorian Chant lacks harmony and melody."
Unlike theological dogmas, antiquity alone does not apparently commend music to the nineteenth century

I am glad to know that the Christian Endeavor Societies are growing. Their object is to stimulate the interest of young people in the work of the church, and to bring them into closer relations with each other through conferences, reports and corres pendence. The movement is entirely undenomina tional, and cannot fail, therefore, to promote the essential Christian unity which at the present day is so necessary and destrable. The Massachusetts State Christian Endeavor Union meets this week in Worcester, and promises to be a large and enthusi-

A well-known clergyman tells of a very amusing wedding which he solemnized. The groom was ex-tremely anxious that everything "should go off without hitch," and with that end in view borrowed a Prayer Book, in order to learn the marriage service by heart. But he was not familiar with the "geography" of the Prayer Book and by mistake got hold of the baptismal service, the answers to which he faithfully com-mitted to memory. "The wedding day arrived," says the clergyman; "so did the nervous groom with his bride, and as they walked up the church aisle, keeping step to the grand old strains of Mendelssohn's wed-ding march, I had a premonttion of trouble. The ceremony began .

.John will you have this woman to be your wedded wife, to live after God's boly ordinance, to

love and to cherish in sickness or in health? "I renounce them all,' answered John.

audience. There was a hurried conversation between John and me, and I then repeated the question, like wise the answer to it, and to all succeeding ones."

A NEW BROOKLYN PASTOR.

DR. W. R. DAVIS IN DR. BETHUNE'S PULPIT. RETURNING TO THE CITY BEYOND THE BIG

BRIDGE AFTER A DOZEN YEARS OF ABSENCE. Since the death of Mr. Beecher more changes have occurred in the pulpits of the churches in the region of Brooklyn known as the Heights than had be fore taken place in ten years. Besides the vacancy created in Plymouth Church, the Reformed Church on the Heights, Grace Protestant Episcopal Church, the First Baptist Church and the Unitarian Church of the Saviour have lost their pastors by death or resignation in quick succession. The places of all save one of these pastors have been filled in the past few months, and two of the new incumbents are about to begin their work in their new fields of labor. Dr. Lyman Abbott has become already well established in Mr. Beecher's old place. Dr. Chauncey B. Brewster has taken up the work laid down by Dr. Snively in Grace Church. The Rev. H. Price Collier has accepted a call to the Church of the Saviour to succeed the Rev. A. E. Goodnough, whose

early death was deeply deplored last year. In the Reformed Church in Pierre st., Dr. Wesley Reid Davis, of Albany, will his ministry to-day, and will be formally installed on Thursday evening. Dr. Davis is expected to be the most notable addition recently made to the ranks of the ministry in Brooklyn. He was among the men named in connection with the succession to the pulpit of Plymouth Church. In both this city and Brooklyn his reputation is already established by previous pastorates, and he comes from Albany with a record of success in one of the most importan having only passed his fortieth year. His early training was in the Methodist Episcopal Church South and he entered the ministry in that denomination in Baltimore. After preaching for several years that city he decided to come North, and was transferred to the New-York East Conference, and became pastor of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal Church function of reason is exalted. Mr. Eaton certainly has in Brooklyn. He remained with it the full limit the courage of his convictions, and states clearly and of time allowed by the rules of the denomination.

At the end of a successful term there arrangement were made for his succession to the pulpit of St. Paul's Church, in Fourth-ave But just at that time Dr. George H. Hepworth resigned from the Congregational Church of the Dis-ciples, which he had founded after leaving the Unitarian denomination. Dr. Davis was invited to succeed him, and under flattering promises regarding th reduction of the enormous debt of \$180,000 on the church he accepted the call. For several years he preached to large congregations, but the work clearing off the debt was not successful, even after the pastor promised to raise \$30,000 if the congregation would provide the remainder Dr. David then resigned and Dr. Newman was secured to make the final unsuccessful effort to get rid of the crush ing burden of debt. Dr. Davis accepted a call to the Madison Avenue Reformed Church in Albany, when he has remained nearly eight years. He is a preacher of much originality and brilliancy backed up by the statistics at hand, but it is a well-known fact that, logical arguments. He has received the honorary degrees of Master of Arts from Wesleyan University and Doctor of Divinity from Rutgers College. He preached the baccalaureate sermon at Union College

> The church in Brooklyn to which Dr. Davis goes nseparably connected with the memory of Dr. George Bethune, one of the most eloquent preachers in the Reformed denomination. The society is not the old est of the name in Brooklyn, where the old First Dutch Church was the only ecclesiastical organization for upwards of 150 years, but it holds the second place in point of age in the older part of the city When Dr. Bethune became its pastor in 1850 the present edifice was built for him, and for ten year he instructed and delighted large audiences within its walls, which are unlike those of any other church in the city. The building stands in the middle of a block and has windows only in its roof, the side walls being blank. In order to make the interior as light as possible the walls and woodwork are a pure white. The only gallery is over the entrance and is occupied by the choir and organ. The pulpit is in a recess with heavy curtains on either side. Dr. Bethame had the church connected with the house in which he lived adjoining, so that his wife, who was an invalid, could hear his sermons from her room. A peculiarity of the exterior of the church is the shadow of a cross, which is formed by the brownstone buttresses when the gas is lighted in the street, leopie go out of their way to pass the church and see the cross. Several years ago a new gaslight was placed in front of the church, for people would turn it out to see the shadow. But it was practically impossible to keep it lighted, for people would turn it out to see the shadow, and finally the post was capped.
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Dr. Bethune's influence built up a strong and pros-Dr. Bernune's initience out up a strong and prosperous society, and he remained with it until compelled to go to Italy for his health, and he died there. Several successors have occupied the pulpit, but no one has remained more than half-a-dozen years. The latest of these was Dr. A. J. Hutton, who resigned last year to go to Rochester. Dr. Davis will find the field of the church enlarged by the recent removal of the First Reformed Church from its former situation near the City Hall to the neighborhood of Prospect Park. He will also find the overshadowing influence of Mr. Beecher's cloquence in Brooklyn's church circles gone, but he will enter Into direct rivalry with Dr. Storrs in the Church of the Pigrims on one side and Dr. Hall in Holy Trinity Church on the other. A brilliant future is prophesied for him by his friends in his new pulpit. He will receive the same salary, \$6,000, in Brooklyn that he did in Albany.

MR. HEWITT AND THE BASEBALL PENNANT

HE REFUSES TO CONSENT THAT IT BE RUN UP ON THE CITY HALL FLAG STAFF.

A petition with 127 signatures was presented to Mayor Hewitt, yesterday, asking that the championship baseball pennant won by the New-York team be displayed upon the City Hall for one day after its presentation. Mr. Hewitt sent the following reply: Mayor's Office, New-York, Oct. 13, 1888.

John Blakely, No. 233 Broadway, and others.

I have to-day received a petition signed by you to the following effect: "In view of the widespread interest in the National game and the magnificent triumph of the New-York Baseball Club in securing the championship pennant for the season of 1888, we, the undersigned, re-spectfully suggest that it would be very appropriate and very pleasing to a large portion of the citizens of New York that the aforesaid pennant be displayed for one day after the presentation on the flagstaff of the City Hall. We trust that you may concur in this and favor an expression of local pride in the prowess of the New-York team."

I am sorry to differ with the gentlemen who have signe this petition, but I do not concur at all in the propriety the request. The City Hall is a public building, and have heretofore declared that under no circumstances do I think it proper to display upon its flagstaffs any other than the National. State and municipal flags, and that during my term of office I would not allow any other display of flags to be made. This fact was well known to many of the gentlemen who signed the petition. I can therefore, only conclude that the petition has its origin with some one who desired to put the Mayor in a false po with some one who described by the staylor a later who destroy is stiron, rather than in any real wish to gratify local pride. The good sense of the community, however, may be relied upon to sustain the Mayor in his action heretofore and ir reference to the present application, which seems to me to be based upon a very erroneous idea of the proper use to which the flagstaffs on the public buildings should be applied.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient ABRAM S. HEWITT, Mayor. servant,

WOMEN TO HOLD A TEMPERANCE CONVENTION The fifteenth annual convention of the National Women's Christian Temperance Union will begin a four days' convention on Friday at the Metro Opera House. This organization, which is the out-some of the celebrated woman's temperance crusade in 1874, has a membership of 200,000 women. Al though it has been in existence but little over te years it has established branches in every part of the United States, including Alaska, and these branches will be represented at the convention by over 460 delegates. Miss Francis E. Willard, the president, will deliver her annual address on Friday She has visited every town in the United norning. States of 10,000 population, and most of those with only 5,000, organizing branches of the Woman's

Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Mary A. Livermore will respond to addresse of welcome, which will be delivered on Friday even-ing by Mrs. Mary T. Burt, of this city, president of the Union of this State, and General Clinton B. Fisk Verbatim reports of the convention will be published in "The Union Signal."

A BEQUEST TO A CITY MEDICAL COLLEGE. By the will of Dr. Thomas T. Sabine, which wa executed on April 26, 1858, and filed with Probat Clerk Charles H. Beckett in Surrogate Ransom's Court, yesterday, all the apparatus, models and personal property used by him in his lectures in the anatomical department of the College of Physicians and Surgeons are bequeathed to that institution. His three sisters, "'You're a fool,' said I to him under my breath.

"'All this I steadfastly believe,' came the answer at ditto a sound of suppressed laughter from the TIDINGS FOR PLAYGOERS.

PLANS OF ACTORS AND MANAGERS-LATEST NEWS FROM THE THEATRES.

Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett have found small source of amusement in Chicago lately in the applications that have been received from people in good society for permission to serve as supernumer aries in the cast. It seems to be the carnest am bition of the applicants to take part in the perform ances, in order to be able to tell their friends that they have "acted" with Booth and Barrett, Barrett writes that this harmless vanity has raged to a considerable extent in Chicago during the las fortnight, and a number of people well known the have appeared at different times as the Roman army and the Venetian populace. One of the ladies who served as a supernumerary is the wife of a journalist of National reputation, but the "super" who has created the most sensation is a young Chicago millionaire He drove to the stage door of the theatre every night in his private carriage and joined the noble army of supernumeraries, receiving 50 cents for his labors during the evening. When the play was over he re-entered his carriage in waiting for him and drove to his club to talk about his dramatic ex-

From all appearances, the Broadway Theatre will have its largest house at the first performance of "Mr. Barnes, of New-York," to-morrow evening, since the opening night of the theatre with "La Tosca." Mr. Gunter's novel has created great interest in the dramatic version of the book, as many of the scenes in it lend themselves easily to dramatic effect This is the first dramatization of the novel ever done in America, though there are a great number of companies playing the piece in England-almost a numerous as Pinafore companies in this country few years ago, as the piece is as unprotected in England as Pinafore was in America. The dramati zation of the novel, of which all the rights belong to Mr. Gunter, will be produced at the Broadway Theatre with a cast that has been carefully selected and upon which no expense has been spared. of the names are well known to the theatre-going public of New-York, and among them are Miss Emily tigi, Frankie Kemble, Isabelle Evesson, Efflie Gormon Miss Corlette, Messrs. Mackay, Dillon, Gilmore, Klein Rincau, Anderson and several others.

Daniel Frohman, who has decided hereafter appear at any other theatre outside of the home house has consented to the appearance of Miss May Robson connection with the big production of "She" at the Fourteenth Street Theatre. The dramatic cas this season will comprise important players, and the inging staff will include upwards of fifty voices while the spectacular feature is promised to surpas the "She" of last year. Manager Rosenquest opens his regular winter season with this attraction.

Minnie Dupree leaves the Western "Held by the Enemy's company next Thursday at Topeka, Kansas, and jumps all the way to New-York in time to attend rehearsals next week for the big revival of "Held by the Frame" at Palmer's Theatre.

Al. Hayman's prosperous summer season's tour of the Lyceum Theatre company and A. M. Palmer's company end in two weeks time, at Boston, Mass. with the Lyceum company, and on the same date with the A. M. Palmer company, at the Chicago Opera House. Both of these companies have covered season of upward of twelve weeks, and travelled over eight thousand miles of territory, and the result has been so satisfactory to both Messrs. Palmer and Frohman that arrangements have already been perfected for another tour under Mr. Palmer's direction. Hayman will shortly present in San Francisco, for his winter attractions, the Emma Abbott company, num-bering upward of seventy people, Conquelin-Hading an engagement with Madame Modjeska, which covers a tour of the surrounding important Californian cities In connection with Madame Modjeska's tour, which is the only engagement she will play this year, Mr Hayman sends the chief players all the way from New-York to San Francisco and back, to properly surround his star.

When the Kendals and their entire London company visit America, they will present their plays with their own scenery and hangings, as Mr. Irving did in this

"A Brass Monkey" will be seen at the Bijou Opera House to-merrow evening and will be continued ther for a number of weeks. Flora Walsh, Charles Reed, the comedian, and Mrs. Alice Walsh will be seen in amusing character sketches, which have met success in other cities, and the skit abounds in songs dancing and odd bits of stage business.

Several changes will take place in the bill at Dockstader's Minstrels to-morrow night, "So Quickly Dead," a version of Miss Rives's story, "The Quick of the Dead?" will be given by several of the Docktade: comedians, and there will be a debate on the new social question, "Is Bachelorhood a Success?" by Sweatnam and Marion. Sullivan and Davis will sing new ballads, and there will be a new quartet song and dance, composed by W. S. Mullaly. Lew Dockstader will an pear in a new monologue, and Master Harri, the boy soprano, will also be heard. All of the other strong features will be continued.

William Gillette, by A. M. Palmer's request, consented to play the part of the correspondent in Mr. Palmer's revival of "Held by the Enemy" at Mr. Palmer's theatre, beginning October 29. In view of the fact that this is the first production that Mr. Palmer offers at his new home, every preparation is being made by him to present the play with an im portant cast of players.

The annual benefit of the New-York Lodge of Elks will take place on the afternoon of November 22, at the Grand Opera House. A large volunteer programme will be presented.

Phil. Goatcher, the scenic artist, says that the cenes which are to be used in the production of "Under The Polar Star" are the largest he has ever handled. Augustin Daly's tour next summer will embrace

the cities of Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and San Francisco.

Considerable complaint is being made at Lyceum Theatre because no seats can be procured for "Lord Chumley" during each current week. The early crowds capture all available places. Manager Frohman says the play could easily run a year, but it will be displaced next month by the Lyccum stock

The play pirates are beginning to lay their plans or presenting unauthorized work in interior towns. "The Wife" is the first play on the list so far

There is a strong possibility that Lew Dockstader will take his minstrel company to London and Paris next spring. "A Legal Wreck's" prosperity last week has dimmed

the lustre of most of the productions that have been presented at the Madison Square Theatre since "Jim The Penman." The receipts the last week were the largest that "A Legal Wreck" has enjoyed since its first production, and they have on different occasions reached some exceedingly high figures.

The Coquelin-Hading season at Palmer's Theatre

so far has been a success financially, and the sale of seats for the coming week is large. The repertoire for the week will be as follows: Monday evening, Coquelin and Mme. Hading in "Frou-Frou"; Tuesday, Coquelin in "Tartuffe" and a monologue; Wednesday an extra matinee will be given when "Don Caesar du Bazan" will be repeated, with M. Coquelin as Do Caesar and Mme. Hading as Maritana. Wednesday, Coquelin and Hading in " Mile do la Segliere"; Thurs day, M. Coquelin in "Les Surprises du Divorce". Saturday matinee, Mme. Hading in "Le Maitre de

A. M. Palmer has paid \$100 for a box at the benefit performance to be given to Manager J. P. Smith at the Star Theatre on Friday afternoon. E. H. Sothern also gave \$100 for an admission ticket and Denman Thompson a like sum.

The English melodramatic success, "The Stowaway," will be the attraction at Niblo's this week, with many novel features in the line of realism, including the robbery of a safe by two genuine burglars A letter from Inspector Byrnes, recommending these safe-breakers as experts in their line, will shortly be

To-morrow night Miss Rose Coghlan will produce her new play, "Jocelyn," in Montreal. It is more than likely that the popular actress will be seen this city in February in "Jocelyn."

The regular season at the Fifth Avenue Theatre begins Monday evening, October 29, when Joseph efferson, the famous American comedian, will be seen in his familiar impersonation of Bob Acres. in a special production of "The Rivals." will be doubly interesting by reason of the first ap-pearance this season of John Gilbert, who will have the part of Sir Anthony Absolute, and Mrs. John Drew. The latter will play her old role of Mrs.

On the return of his stock company to the Lyceum Theatre, Manager Frohman proposes to present a new feature in the shape of mid-week matinees of new and old plays. The first series of Wednesday mat nees will be devoted to a revival of "The Wife," after which another comedy in Mr. Frohman's possession will be

as the Saturday matinees will be devoted to the play

which forms the feature of the regular season. The closing nights of "Fascination" are approaching but the Fourteenth Street Theatre, where is being presented, is crowdd at every performance, and Miss Tanner regrets that her season can

On Wednesday evening, Gilbert and Sullivan's new opera, "The Yeomen of the Guard or The Merry Man and his Maid," will receive its first presentation in America, at the Castno. Rudolph Aronson has been preparing for the production for the last two months, and the curtain will roll up the first night most important and complete production in the history of the bouse. The costumes are by Dazian and Mme. Loe, after plates by Percy Anderson, of London; and the scenery oy Thomas Weston, painted from models by Mr. Gilbert. The opera is produced under the direction of Richard Barker. Following is the

Sir Richard Choimondeley, George Broderick
Lieutenant of the Tower.
Colonel Fairfax, Henry Hallam
Under sentence of death.
Sergeant Mervil, George Olmi
Of the Yeomen of the Guard.
Leonard Mervil, his son, Charles Renwick
Jack Point, a strolling jester, J. H. Ryley
Wilfred Shadbolt, Fred. Solomon
Head Jailor of the Tower and Assistant Tor-

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Dame Carruthers, Isabelle Urquhart
Housekeeper to the Tower. Kate, her niece, Chorus of Yeomen of the Guard, Gettlemen, citizens, &c.

Director of Music, . . . Jesse Williams Lydia Thompson and her English burlesque com pany begin their American tour at the Star The morrow evening, in Stephens and Solomon's net burlesque "Penelope." Following is the cast:

"The Quick or the Dead?" Is to be withdrawn from the Fifth Avenue Theatre this week, and will be re-placed by either "A Sad Coquette" or "That Girl From Texas." The former piece is a dramatization of Rhoda Broughton's novel "Good-bye, Sweetheart, by Miss Clayton herself, and was produced some time ago at the Union Square. The other play is entirely

ago at the Union Square. The other play is entirely new.

Manager J. M. Hill facetiously announces that the fiftleth performance of "Philip Herne" will be observed at the Standard Theatre to morrow night by not giving any souvenir. He will not explain why, but says he may later. The piece played to good business all last week.

"Everything sold." Is the constant reply made at the Academy to intending purchasers of tickets who do not apply several days in advance of the performance they wish to attend. The management derive no little satisfaction from the success of "The Old Homestead," more particularly because it has defied the old maxim among amusement providers that comedy should never be played in a large house.

ACCIDENT AT BLACKWELUS ISLAND. THE STEAMER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHARL-

TIES AND CORRECTION CRASHES AGAINST THE PIER.

The steamboat Thomas S. Brennan, belonging to the Department of Charities and Correction, met with a serious accident on Friday morning. When backing out from the storehouse wharf at Blackwell's Island she got "caught in the centre." The wind was blow ing a gale at the time and the tide was running very strong. In a twinkling the big boat crashed against the pier, end on. The ralls and guards were smashed to pieces and her side was stove in clear to the hull. The planking on the deck near where she struck was torn up for a considerable distance. already called at Randall's and Ward's Islands and had over 200 patients and discharged prisoners on board. Women screamed and fainted and men attempted to jump over the side onto the dock. The deckhands, who were prisoners, acted nobly in the panic and succeeded in allaying the fears of the frightened people. Pilots Bird and Ward made an examination of the vessel, and on finding that she was not mak ers' dock, foot of East Twenty-sixth-st. It will cost about \$500 to repair the damage sustained. The Thomas S. Brennan was built in 1883, and cost about \$80,000. When first launched many said she was too large for the dock accommodations at the landing places at the various institutions on the islands.

MUSICAL CHANGES AT ST. GEORGE'S.

A YOUNG ORGANIST WHO WILL CONDUCT A CHOIR OF SEVENTY-FIVE VOICES.

On the first Sunday of November, William Sidell Chester will begin his engagement as organist and choirmaster of St. George's Church, Stuyvesant Square, of which the Rev. Dr. W. S. Rainsford is the rector. Mr. Chester's predecessor is Julius Bierck. The church contains two organs, both built by Jardine. The gallery organ has four manuals and a thirty-two-feet pedal stop, and is the largest organ in this part of the country, having two more registers than the organ in St. Patrick's Cathedral. In the chancel is a large two-manual organ, and the two organs are connected by Wacher's electric action, giving an opportunity for rare musical effects unequaled in any church in this city. St. George's aims to have congregational singing, and Mr. Chester will preside over a chorus choir of seventy-five men, wor over a chorus char of sevensy are man, and this city.

Mr. Chester is a recent graduate of Stevens Institute,
Hoboken, and has made a study of the mechanical
construction of organs. He is one of the youngest
organists in New-York, and is a pupil of Frank Treat

A NEW EMPLOYMENT SOCIETY. In the articles of incorporation of "The Christian Aid to Employment Society," which were filed yester-day, its objects are stated to be "to assist workingmen and women in securing suitable employment under conditions favorable to the growth of their moral and Christian character and self-respect; to personally and thoroughly examine into the past history, caapcity and fidelity of all applicants for employment, and to make only such recommendations to both employers and employed as are warranted by the results of careful investigation; to keep records of all applicants for employment which will always be open for the inspection of members and employes." The managers are the Rev. Dr. George Alexander, the Rev. Charles F. Deems, the Rev. Dr. Matthew H. Pogson, the Rev. Dr. John W. Shackelford, Alfred S. Hatch, Fred-erick A. Booth, Dr. Sylvester S. Bogert, William R. Wilder and the Rev. Willard Parsons.

THE FIRST "SWING" AT COLUMBIA COLLEGE. The Delta Upsilon fraternity was the first Greek letter society at Columbia College to hold an initiation this year. On Friday evening at its club-house, No. 8 East Forty-seventh-st., the Columbia Chapter welcomed nine new members, and yesterday the other fraternities were somewhat surprised to discover from the pins that were "swung," that Delta Upsilon had stolen a march on them. After the initiation the usual banquet was enjoyed, and still later, wit and humor chased each other spiritedly as a number of more or less experienced after-dinner speakers exercised their talents. Delegates from Harvard, Am-herst, Williams, Rutgers, Madison, Union and the University of New-York were present. The Columbia Chapter is one of the strengest societies in Columbia College, there being forty-five members in the col-lege at present.

SCHOOL TEACHERS LEARNING ASTRONOMY. Professor Bickmore began yesterday at the Museum of Natural History his series of lectures to the teachers of the public schools. This course will include ten lectures, and the opening one was attended by a large and well-pleased audience. The lecture was devoted to the earth and planets, and was illustrated with stereopticon views. Some of these pictured ancient astronomical ideas, and the theme was rounded off with illustrations of modern telescopes and ob-servatories, among the latter being the famous Liek Observatory in California.

planking is being ripped off and it is possible that she may be put out of commission.

THE RECENT DISPLAY OF REBEL FLAGS.

UNION VETERANS CONFIRMING THE TRIBUNE'S

REPORT OF WHAT HAPPENED IN RICHMOND. Philadelphia, Oct. 13 (Special).-W. H. Brady, of the Philadelphia Brigade, has received the following in reference to the rebel flag episode in Richmond, Va., at the visit of the Philadelphians in that city last week and in substantiation of the dispatch in The Tribune as to the display of rebel flags. Robert S. Browning, a leading manufacturer of Frankford, who accompanied the brigade, says: "Every word The Tribune printed about the carrying of rebel flags by the Confederates in Richmond was true and the facts were not strongly

enough presented." Sylvester Byrne, a member of the brigade con ected with the Central News of this city, says: They certainly did carry rebel flags, and in con sequence of this, I took the American flag borrowed from the Veteran Legion of Philadelphia from the line Portsmouth delegation carried one of their old rebel flags which I considered an insult to the Stars and Stripes. There were exactly ten rebel flags on the stand in Hollywood Cemetery from which Major R. Taylor Scott delivered an address, almost every word of which was of a seditious character. I defy any one to deny the statement."

Isaac Tibbins, a resident of Frankford, who captured a stand of rebel colors at Gettysburg, says: I was dumfounded when I saw the rebel flags brought into line. It was a National insult and I left the ranks. General Sherman can rest assured that all The Tribune said on the subject was strictly true, and the facts were even worse than reported." Charles Franks says: "I expected all we got

These people are not reconstructed and their rebel flags were carried."

William H. Cunninton, a Philadelphia correspondent who accompanied the brigade, says: "The reception to the Philadelphians was from beginning stale and flat. The ex-Confederates all wore badges bearing rebel emblems and Lee Camp and the Portsmouth delegations undoubtedly carried rebel flags. It was a wonder to me that the Philadelphians did not leave Richmond at once In plain words, the rebels behaved shamefully, and they are, if possible, worse now than when they were in actual war, trying to destroy the country which

they control now." Council, a guest of the brigade at Richmond, says "I think it is the duty of the members of the brigade Mr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Fearing and Mr. and Mrs. to speak out in their own behalf against the insult Lorillard Spencer, of New York, who are still at their offered them by the flaunting of rebel flags in their faces. The address of welcome of Mayor Ellyson was in decidedly bad taste, and echoed the old rebel sentiment of You have whipped me, but I am not dead | Havemeyer | Mrs. M. T. H. Blake, of Brooklyn, has taken a cot-

sentiment of 'You have whipped me, but I am not dead yet.' I consider Major Scott's speech abominable. I am astounded and mortified to hear such sentiments at this late day. The Tribune dispatch about the rebel flags was true and cannot be contradicted."

"The Manchester, Va., Leader," in referring to the rebel flags, says: "It is all folly this fooling with Yankees in re-unions. Let them have as much flag as they want. Let them have as much flag as they wish. Let us stay at home and behave ourselves, observe and respect the laws, and when we want to have a talk and a good time, even if it is about the war, let us have it among ourselves. The Philadelphians who came to Richmond upon the invitation of Pickett's men, to be present at the unveiling of a monument to Pickett and his division, were afraid of an old Confederate flag and refused to march in the procession until they were furnished a United States flag. The men of Pickett's division, the people of Virginia, in fact, will to-day defend the colors of the Union just as quick as the foolishly sensitive two transfer of the winter.

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"The Press" has received the following from Pittsburg: "Grand Army men hereabouts do not feel kindly toward the Richmond ex-Confederates for the insult put upon the Philadelphia Brigade a week ago."

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Major Samuel Harper, Past Department Commander of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, in speaking of the matter to-day, said: "I public, in speaking of the matter to-day, said: "I public, in speaking of the matter to-day, said: "I do not think any good can come from the reunions of the Union and ex-Confederate soldiers unless the latter abandon the old spirit of rebellion which so often they permit to betray them. I am for peace, but I cannot forget that there is only one flag for Americans, and if I go to a reunion and am confronced by a traitorous flag and hear boasts of what deeds of superior bravery traitors have done, I am oftended, of superior bra

A SAD BLOW TO SILK MANUFACTURERS MILLS WILL HAVE TO CLOSE IF RIBBONS ARE

ADMITTED AT A DUTY OF 20 PER CENT. The Paterson silk manufacturers were dumfounded by the verdict against the Government in the suit of John Wanamaker against Collector Cadwalader, in the United States Circuit Court at Philadelphia, where a jury decided that silk ribbons intended for milliner; trimmings might come in under a duty of only 20 per cent instead of 50 per cent. The general opinion of the silk manufacturers is that this decision, unless overturned in the Supreme Court, or unless Congress gives immediate relief by changing the law, will strike a terrible blow at the immense silk manufacturing interests of Paterson and other centres of the industry in this country. Charles N. Sterrett, of Dexter, Lambert & Co., one of the largest ribbon manufacturing concerns in the world, said, in re-gard to this matter: "The decision, if sustained, means ruin to us. The effect will be nothing short of closing the silk mills. If ribbons can be admitted as 'millinery trimmings,' there is no reason why the next step of the importers should not be to get broad silks let in in the same way. The result will be practically to let silk goods into this country on a duty of 12 1-2 per cent, for the law allows the importers a rebate of the cost of packing, wrappings, boxes, labels, etc.,

of the cost of packing, waspings, hoxes, laters, evirtually reducing the tariff from 20 per cent to the figure named."

P. M. Bannigan, of Hamil & Booth, said: "This is blue news for us. If millinery silks are to be let in at a tariff of 20 per cent, the ribbon manufacturing business of this country will be ruined. There would be no limit to the width of the pieces of silk allowed to come in under this decision, as sashes are freeto come in under this decision, as sashes are frequently used for hat trimmings."

Several of the leading silk manufacturers in Paterson were in Philadelphia attending the trial throughout, as they had taken the most anxious interest in the

TRAVELLERS ACROSS OLD OCEAN.

INCOMING AND OUTGOING PASSENGERS ON THE TRANSATLANTIC STEAMSHIPS. Among those who arrived from Liverpool on th

Among those who arrived from Liverpool on the City of Richmond, of the Inman Line, yesterday were the Rev. Dr. Batterson, R. Campion, Professor W. H. Dale, the Rev. J. H. Herr. Albert F. D'Oeneh, J. M. Durant, E. D. Farmer, Dr. D. W. Green, Dr. G. R. Lockwood, Dr. Pearson, Dr. J. R. Peirson, John R. Potts, Joseph R. Rhodes, the Rev. P. Von Schlumback, Professor W. Trelease, Professor H. S. Williams and the Rev. W. F. Whitsker.

Among the outgoing City of Chicago's passengers were George W. Bianchard, H. S. Crocker, the Rev. F. A. H. Du Boulay, Dr. Host, the Rev. George C. Neetham, Wynne de Lerjat.

Of those who were on the passenger list of La Normandle, which sailed for Havie, vere the Count and Countess de Moniercolf, Gordon Abbott, Viscount de Blanzay, J. R. Plummer, Commander d'Ullman, of the French Navy, and Max Riedel.

The Cunard steambilty Unbria, which sailed yesterday, carried among her passengers Colenel V. Allen, Colonel Baring, the Rev. Edward Chester, Macdonald Cameron, M. P., the Rev. F. B. Dwight, Professor Charles Esmarck, General Frook Postley, Sir Donald Smith and Sir John Good.

LAYING A CORNERSTON ON THE WEST SIDE. The ceremonies at the laying of the corner stone of the new building of the Riverside Baptist Church, Ninety-second-st. and Tenth-ave., were interrupted by the rain yesterday and the company assembled adjourned to the chapel of the Methodist Home, opposite the site of the new church. The clergymen who took part were the Rev. Drs. Halsey Moore, Joseph Elder, C. DeWitt Bridgman, Edward Judson, R. S. Mac-Arthur, the Rev. Messrs. Richard Harriby and Leigh-ton Williams. W. H. Palmer gave a historical sketch of the church from its organization in 1899. The cornerstone was placed in position by the pastor, the Rev. Malcolm MacGregor. The new church will be of brick of a highly ornamental style of archi-tecture.

WELL PAID FOR HIS INJURIES.

From The Buffalo Courier.

The latter will play her old role of Mrs. pp, which has been so much admired by theatrener return of his stock company to the Lyceum Manager Frohman proposes to present a ture in the shape of mid-week matinees of new plays. The first series of Wednesday matness devoted to a revival of "The Wife," after which comedy in Mr. Frohman's possession will be The regular svening performances as well.

Observatory in California.

Some fellows are born lucky. Two days before the bicycle tournament opened in September, an annateur bleycle rider here took out a policy in an accident in surrance company for 81000 insurance and \$25 weekly indemnity. The day of the great parade he was run luto by another bicycle tournament opened in September, an annateur bleycle rider here took out a policy in an anateur bleycle rid

THE WANE OF THE SEASON.

A FEW COTTAGERS LEFT AT NEWPORT. THE UNLUCKY AUTUMN WEATHER-PERSONAL

NOTES AND GOSSIP. Newport, R. I., Oct. 13 (Special).-A few more of the cottagers took their departure this week. The weather has been unusually cool, and thick clothing has been in great demand. The autumn thus far has been the coldest and most disagreeable or

The cottagers have subscribed over \$1,900 for the family of the brave engineer of the steamer Eolus, who lost his life by breathing the fumes of a case of nitrio acid which exploded on board that vessel a few weeks ago. The largest contributor was A. A. Low, of Brooklyn, who gave \$150. Messrs. August Belmont, F. W. Vanderbilt and Cornelius Vanderbilt gave \$100 each.

The steam yacht Ibis and the schooner yachts Norseman, Tidal Wave and Sachem have the barbor this week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gibert, of New-York, who cently returned from Europe, are at the Hodges costage; Mr. Gibert, very much to his surprise, has been elected Colonel of Newport's Cleveland and Thurman regiment. The lieutenant colonel is John N. Griswold,

also of New-York. Brockholst Cutting and W. B. Cutting, of News York, are the guests of William Post at the Hodgson cettage.

The chapel erected in the Island Cemetery by Mr. and Mrs. August Belmont, of New-York, was formally consecrated to-day. The Belmont family were present. Bishop Potter, of New-York, and the Rev. G. J. Magill, of this city, officiated. The chapel is a beautiful structure, and can be used for all mortuary purposes free of charge by those who desire.

Dr. Macauley, United States Navy, has purchased a

cottage site on Conuncut Island. B. Thompson, Mrs. R. B. Potter, Foxhall Keene and Miss Heckscher, of New-York, are among the recent

arrivals at the cottages. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Matthews, ir., and General Hazard Stevens, of Boston, are visiting friends here. Miss Woolsey (Susan Coolidge) has returned to her

cottage on Rhotle Island-ave. The family of Rear Admiral S. B. Luce, United State

Navy, will spend the winter here.

Mrs. Karrick Riggs, of New-York, is the guest of Mrs. J. A. Stevers, and Miss E. G. Wildes, of Boston, has arrived at the Hodges cottage. It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Louis L. Lorillard,

cottages, will spend the winter in Europe. The Rev. Father Malone, of Brooklyn, has been here this week as he guest of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore A.

THE SEASON AT LENOX.

THE SOCIAL COLONY DRIVEN INDOORS.

NO ONE DISCOURAGED YET, HOWEVER-MUCE SOCIAL GAYETY-THE HOTEL STILL CROWDED.

Lenox, Mass., Oct. 13 (Special) .- All the cottagers renain here, although the weather has been disagreeable and the cold and snow have come a month earlier than usual. There has been scarcely a pleasant

Many guests have left the hotels, but so many have come on to take the vacant places that Mr. Curtis is at his wit's end to know what to do with There has not been a time during the autumn

Mr. Van Alen and party, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Goddard, of Providence; Mr. Peters, of New-York; Mr. Herbert, of the British Legation; Mrs. Slater, of Providence, and Miss Gwynn, of Washington, came on from Newport on Mr. Van Alen's four-in-hand and remained here till Wednesday, when they started and remained here in wednesday, when they stated for Tuxedo Park. During their stay here they attended a dinner party at the Sloane's, and were also entertained by Miss Furniss.

There are many inquiries for cottages next season.

The prices will range higher than they did this season, owing to the searcity of large places for rent. James Barciay has re-engaged the Bishop cottage

Miss Perkins and Miss Andrews, of Boston, and Mr. Sellar, of London, are guests of Theodore Fre

linghuysen. The Shattucks have for guests Dr. and Mrs. Priestley, of London. Theg will remain through the month.

Mrs. Gordon Dexter, of Boston, is in town for

the rest of the season. There have been more arrivals this week than usual. Curtis's Hotel continues to be crowded. There are among the most recent arrivals: G. W. Redmond, William E. Cooper, G. Sackersdorff and wife, R. Peters, W. B. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Roy, E. L. Boas and wife, Miss Virginia Ingraham, Nathaniel Ingraham, Miss Tuttle, J. J. Mitchell, Miss E. C. Brewer, Frank D. May, Mr. and Mrs. Malcorn Graham, C. H. Whitlock, M. Morgan, Elliott F. Shepard, S. D. Brewster, New-York; I. D. Waiter, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Leiter, the Rev. J. C. Swelwood, Miss Brookfield, R. N. Graves, Brooklyn; B. B. Conneen and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Llyingstone Cushing, H. B. Newhall and wife, J. C. Eonnell, Miss Carter, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wales, Miss Elsie Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wales, Miss Elsie Emmons, Mr. and Mrs. F. Warren. Mr. Whittenore, Miss F. L. Hyde, Miss M. E. Crowell, S. E. Guild, Roston; H. C. Dalley, Miss M. H. Herst, Philadelphia; Mr. Houston, E. M. Padelford, Newport, Mrs. George Eullock, Chicago; Mrs. Rebecca B. Scott, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. Calwell, H. Kelley, Cleveland. William E. Cooper, G. Sackersdorff and wife, R.

ATHLETICS AT HARVARD.

THE BOAT CLUB UNUSUALLY PROSPEROUS-TWO NEW MEN FOR THE ELEVEN.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 13 (Special).-The annual meeting of the Harvard Boat Club was held on Wednesday evening. G. T. Keyes, '89, was elected president, J. P. Hutchinson, '90, vice-president, C. L. Crepore, '90, treasurer, and Samuel Pexter, '90, manager. The report of the treasurer showed the finances in a better condition than for many years; old debts to the amount of \$2,500 were paid last year, and a balance of \$340 is still left in the treasury. W. P. Brooks, '87, made a speech, urging the students to a more hearty support of the college teams. Captain Finlay stated that it would be his object to teach the stroke which the Advisory Co mittee tried to teach last year. This stroke is practically the same that Yale has rowed for 5 umber of years. Letters were read from last year's Governing Committee, stating that it was their be-lief that the innovation entered upon last year of placing the entire control of boating matters in the hands of graduates was a failure, mainly because, along with the responsibility, there was also taken away all the interest of the undergraduates. The meeting was enthusiastic and argues well for Har-

vard's eight this year. At the meeting of the Harvard Athletic Association J. S. Mandell, '89, was chosen president. The report of last year's president recommended that a contest with Yale in indoor athletics be substituted for the third winter meetlas, the contest to be held as Cambridge and New-Haven alternately.

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About thirty candidates for the freshman crew are practising oarsmanship daily on the Charles. The lateness of the season here in the spring makes this fall practice highly important.

Two promising additions have been made to the Varsity football eleven during the last week, in the varsity football eleven during the last week, in the stitute on last year's team, and Lee, from Cutter's School, New-York. The latter has shown himself a fine runner and dodger.

WORK ON THE CRUISER MAINE More than 700 tons of steel have been delivered at he Navy Yard from the manufacturers in Pittsburg,

for use in the construction of the cruiser Maine. This is about one-fourth of the amount that will be used in the construction of this, the largest of the armored cruisers now building for the Navy. The keel blocks are ready, and preparations are being made for laying the keel, which will probably be begun next week.